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Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the references noted on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 during examination of the above-identified patent application. These references are submitted for the Examiner's consideration and are submitted pursuant to the Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Copies of the references are provided.

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